Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph number 0022 of the published specification with the following paragraph:

[0022] The second embodiment of the tire and tag combination is indicated generally by the numeral 200 in FIGS. 4-5. Combination 200 generally includes a pneumatic tire 202 and a tag 204 104 that is mounted to one of the sidewalls 206 of tire 202. Tag 204 104 is mounted to sidewall 206 in a location that is adapted to be above the rim 208 when tire 202 is mounted to rim 208. In one embodiment, tag 204 104 may be mounted immediately above rim 208 where the sidewall is thicker and flexes less. This area is identified by numeral 209 in FIG. 4.

Please replace paragraph number 0023 of the published specification with the following paragraph:

[0023] Tag 204 104 is disposed in a cavity 210 defined by sidewall 206. Cavity 210 has sufficient dimensions to receive the entire body of tag 204 104 with additional room for an encapsulation material 212. In this specification, encapsulation material 212 may be any of a wide variety of materials that will adhere to tire 202 in order to help secure tag 204 104 to tire sidewall 206. A variety of known adhesives or repair compounds/materials may be used as encapsulation material 212. Encapsulation material 212 may be a rigid material or a relatively flexible material. One exemplary rigid encapsulation material is an epoxy that prevents the elements of tag 204 104 from flexing with respect to each other during tire use.

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Please replace paragraph number 0024 of the published specification with the following paragraph:

[0024] This embodiment allows tag 204 104 to be installed after tire 202 is fabricated and cured. The embodiment also allows tag 204 104 to be selectively placed in tire 202. This mounting position does not expose tag 204 104 to curing heat and prevents tag 204 from extending above the profile of sidewall 206. The embodiment also allows for removal and replacement of tag 204 104 depending on the type of encapsulation material 212 used.

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